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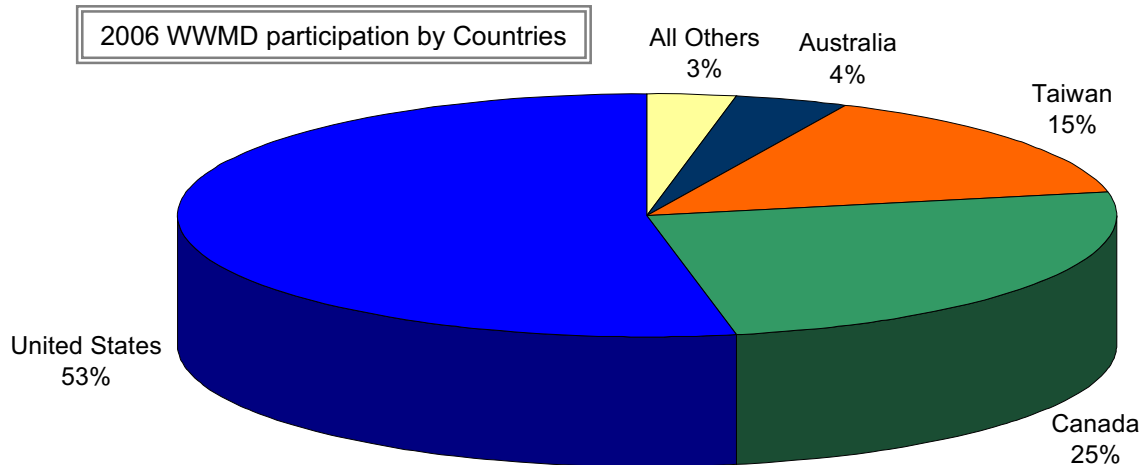


In 2006 Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela participated in World Water Monitoring Day.



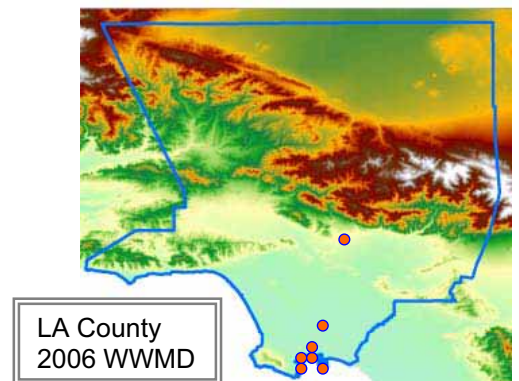
September 18th is World Water Monitoring Day

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the International Water Association (IWA) are coordinating the events associated with the 2007 World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD). WWMD is a global education and outreach event designed to promote personal stewardship and individual involvement in the protection of our world water resources.



The message is simple, it is not solely the responsibility of government agencies and corporations to assure clean safe water. It is up to the users of water, to become involved in the protection of the world’s waters. Clean water is everyone’s right and it is also everyone’s responsibility. Water is a renewable resource carried by the hydrologic cycle throughout the world therefore collaborative partnerships are necessary to protect this resource.

In 2006 a total of 39 countries were involved in WWMD in 2006, with a total of 3,993 sites worldwide. Approximately 200 of those sites were in California, with many located in Los Angeles County. These included: Eaton Canyon Creek, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Cabrillo Beach Salt Marsh, Dominguez Channel, Queen Mary/Grissom Island, Queen Mary/Freeman Island, Los Angeles River Mouth, Los Angeles River at Willow St, Belmont Pier, Colorado Lagoon, Alamitos Bay, and the San Gabriel River Mouth.

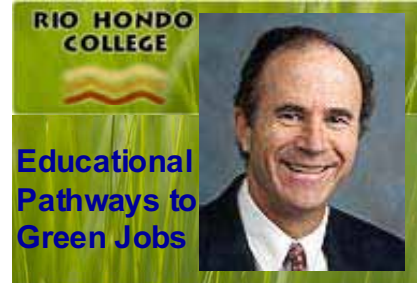


This year in the Los Angeles Basin many government agencies are collaborating with local watershed groups, citizens, businesses and other interested environmental organizations as they prepare to take part in the month of monitoring activities kicking off with this year’s World Water Monitoring Day™ on September 18. Volunteers will perform tests for dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity/clarity and temperature.

The Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association serve as the primary coordinators for the program. For more details, visit the World Water Monitoring Day™ web site at www.worldwatermonitoringday.org. or the Los Angeles Regional Citizen Monitoring Steering Team at <http://www.scmi.us/webdocuments/losangelesregional.html>

“Educational Pathways to Green Jobs” Symposium at Rio Hondo College

On Friday, October 5, 2007 past CWEA Board Director Mike Selna will facilitate a symposium called “Educational Pathways to Green Jobs” at Rio Hondo College. The event will introduce strategies on curricula development for water quality and operator training certification programs.



There will be a breakout session on water/wastewater jobs. The purpose of the symposium is to identify topics and subject areas, which could be included in the general community college curriculum. In addition, there is an interest in identifying two-year vocational/occupational degrees and programs, which can provide community college students with the skills and training necessary to fill environment-related internships and jobs.

Agency members of CWEA who would be willing to lend their voice on the need for wastewater operations training curriculum and who might be willing to volunteer to help with its development are encouraged to attend. For more information go to <http://www.riohondo.edu/green/>

LABS Past Presidents Summer Event at Dodger Stadium a Good Time!!

LABS held our Past President's event at Dodger Stadium on Saturday evening, 8/17/07. The attendees had an excellent time. There were several home runs, a long argument with the umpire over a ball that hit the outfield wall, and a tied game that lasted more than 5 hours through 14 innings. We even had our name in lights (see photo), which appeared three or four times during the game.



Southland Biosolids Continue to be Land Applied in Kern County

On Monday, August 13, 2007 U.S. District Court Judge Gary Allen Feess released his final ruling nullifying Measure E. Kern County's voter-supported Measure E suspends use of imported treated biosolids as fertilizer on unincorporated land within Kern County. This issue has been litigated for roughly a decade.

The Commerce Clause of the federal Constitution and the California Integrated Waste Management Act are cited as the legal basis for the decision. Kern County permits management of its biosolids in incorporated areas. Measure E, did not allow similar management activities in unincorporated areas this was interpreted as a violation of the Commerce Clause. In addition, the Waste Management Act encourages recycling practices such as the use of treated biosolids as a soil amendment. County supervisors will decide soon whether to appeal Feess' ruling.



Scientists and Engineers Participate in AAUW Tech Trek Week in Whittier

During the week of August 5th the American Association of University Women (AAUW) hosted over 500 students in the 10th Annual Tech Trek. Exceptional students are nominated by a teacher and then selected by AAUW to attend a week Tech Trek camp.

The theme throughout the camps is to introduce the students to academic life. Participants stay in a dorm and attend core classes in subjects such as Bacteriology, Biology, Geology, Engineering, Marine Biology, Orienteering, Solar Energy, Physics, Forensics, Chemistry, Math and Geometry, Computers and Space Science.

Field trip activities: Challenger Learning Centers to fly a simulated Mission to Mars (Fresno and Mills); Marine Biology boat trip (UC-San Diego and Stanford); visits to Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Whittier), San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (Whittier), Super Computer (UC-San Diego) and Lawrence Hall of Science (Mills).

Special Activities include Professional Women Dinners, skills clinics with professional soccer players, Ingenuity Night, and “Build It” Fairs.



Panelists: Dawn Salvatore (Process Quality Engineer), Kathleen Doty (Director), Joyce Young (Graduate Student), Liana Alcaraz (Biologist), Sandra Bishop (Criminalist), Amy Jones (Civil Engineer), Pamela Kenoyer (Systems Engineer), Wendy Wert (Environmental Engineer) and Nilsa Arias (moderator) on August 8th (above) talk with students (below) at Whittier College



Hands-on activities in core classes, rotating labs and field trips at Tech Trek camps help to make math and science fun as well as educational. Camp Directors have no problem identifying interested and competent teachers, as the word spreads every year from those who do participate, with most wanting to return again and again. Several teachers have returned every year since Tech Trek began. Teachers in Tech Trek camps spend long hours gathering materials and preparing, all of which helps make the week an awesome and exhilarating experience.

Los Angeles River Overlay District Part of the 25 year Revitalization Plan

In August The Los Angeles Department of City Planning hosted a series of Saturday workshops to discuss the proposed River Improvement Overlay (RIO) District. The RIO is a proposed special use district that requires new projects to achieve points in three design categories: Watershed, Urban Design, and Mobility. The RIO also provides guidelines for new “complete” streets and includes a mobility strategy to ensure that the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and vehicle drivers are considered when major projects or street improvements are undertaken.



The RIO will enable the City to better coordinate land use development all along the 32-mile corridor from Canoga Park to Boyle Heights. It enhances the river with coordinated design standards and guidelines that can be applied through a streamlined review process and it allows the City to link watershed and water quality objectives with land use planning. Design standards are expected to emphasize water quality, connections to the river, building orientation to the river and landscape character. "Any new industry in the area is expected to be focused on green, sustainable production processes. More sustainable urban service delivery is also important to upgrading the corridor and restoring the river -- which is the long-term goal," says Carol Armstrong, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. The Plan can be viewed online at <http://www.lariverrmp.org/>. And the river now has its own website for updates: www.lariver.org

Integrated Resources Planning to Develop Zero Waste Plan for LA



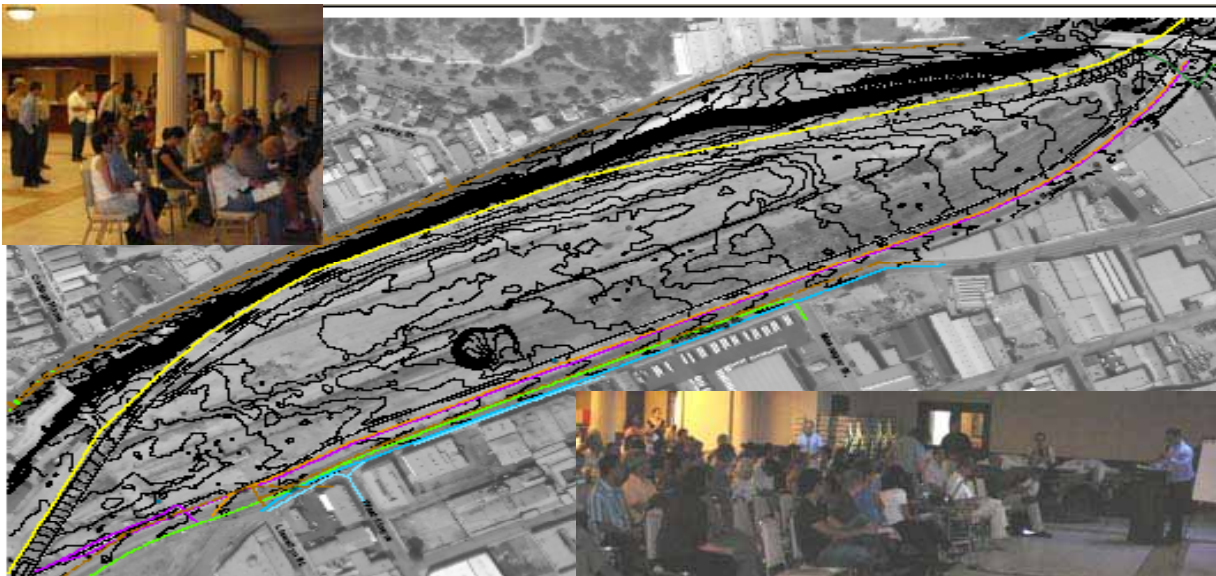
On August 16, 2007 stakeholders diverse backgrounds including city officials, community groups, industry, and environmental activists met at the Granada Hills High School to discuss the City of Los Angeles' 20-year plan to reduce waste, increase recycling, and manage trash. The goal is to develop a solid waste integrated resources plan (SWIRP) that will serve as the master plan to move the City closer to meeting its zero waste goals set by the Mayor and City Council. Achieving zero waste will require substantial changes in three areas: (1) product creation (manufacturing and packaging), (2) product use (use of sustainable/recyclable products), and (3) product disposal (resource recovery or landfilling). The SWIRP will outline the City's objectives to provide sustainability, resource conservation, source reduction, and environmental protection for solid waste management planning, leading Los Angeles towards being a "zero waste" city. For more information, visit <http://www.lacity.org/san/srdsd/swirp>.

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Citizens Meet to Plan for the Los Angeles State Historic Park

On August 14, 2007 citizens met at St. Peters Italiana Church to plan for the future of The Los Angeles State Historic Park. Sean Woods of the California State Parks Department, introduced the 39th public meeting with a message of collaboration and vision. The story of this 32-acre site known as the Cornfield or Chinatown Yard property demonstrates a community effort to protect and preserve the land. This park has the potential to become a venue for recreation, civic engagement, and celebration for the residents and guests of Los Angeles.



Following an eight-month international design competition, California State Parks Department selected a team headed by San Francisco-based Hargreaves Associates to design the park. Mary Margaret Jones, a principal at Hargreaves shared her firm's enthusiasm for the job with the community "We are so excited because this property represents a transformative opportunity for Los Angeles." The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the winning State Park concept in an interactive public forum. The plan includes an urban fountain plaza at the southern tip connected to a 15-acre active recreation field which transitions to more passive forms of recreation that connect to the Los Angeles River on the northern tip. The plan includes providing access to the park with four bridges.

Start planning your entry to the 2008 CWEA Film Festival and Awards now!

The Film Festival is your opportunity to showcase training and public education videos that your agency has produced relating to wastewater treatment in California. Awards will be given in two categories: Public Education and Training. Winning films will be shown at the CWEA Annual Conference April 13-16, 2008 in Sacramento. The film submittal deadline is January 14, 2008. Please download a Film Festival Entry Form at www.cwea.org/conferences.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL

SARBS/ LABS COMBINED DINNER



This year we will be touring Orange County Water District's new [Groundwater Replenishment System](#).

When this facility goes on line towards the end of this year, it will be the world's largest and most advanced groundwater replenishing system. At a cost of over 300 million dollars, it is designed to inject 70 million gallons per day back into the water table. Come and see this facility before it goes completely on line.



Tour Date: September 13, 2007	DINNER: Claim Jumper
Time: 5:00 P.M.	Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: 18700 Ward Street Fountain Valley	Location: 18050 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley



For answers to your questions or to Reserve a place on the tour E-mail Richard Watts at: webwatz@aol.com



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Sep 13 th	Joint LABS SARBS Annual Event http://www.labsofcwea.com/
Sep 18 th	World Water Monitoring Day http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/
Sep 27 th – 29 th	23 rd Annual Tri-State Seminar on the River Pimm, NV http://www.tristateseminar.com/
Oct 5 th	Symposium "Educational Pathways to Green Jobs" Rio Hondo College, City of Industry http://www.riohondo.edu/green/

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